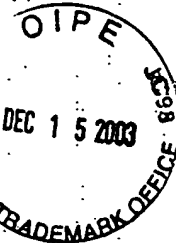




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**AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE
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BRINE BY MARINE CYNABACTERIA**

DEPOSIT DECLARATION

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Sir,

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Assignee of record of the above-identified application, by its undersigned duly authorized representative, hereby declares

That *Vibrio natriophilus* SM-1 was deposited with ATCC, of 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4602, and Consortium was deposited with ATCC on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4603.

That the depository affords permanence of the deposits and ready accessibility hereto by the public if a patent is granted.

That access to the deposits during the pendency of the above-identified application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby assured.



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That all restrictions on the availability of the deposits to the public will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the U.S. Patent on the above identified application.

That the deposits shall be stored by the depository, with all the care necessary to keep it viable and uncontaminated, for a period of at least five years after the most recent request for the furnishing of a sample of the deposit was received by the depository, or for a period of at least 30 years after the date of the deposit, or for the effective life of the U.S. Patent, whichever is longest, and

That the Assignee acknowledges its duty to replace any such deposit should the depository be unable to furnish a sample when requested due to the condition of the deposit.

That the undersigned is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Assignee.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 2.12.03.


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